

REMARKS

Summary of patentability issue

Amended independent Claim 1 no longer recites the language that was allegedly indefinite. Therefore, is the outstanding rejection of this claim still proper?

Status of the claims

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application, with Claim 1 being independent. Claims 6-8 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is amended.

Requested action

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejection in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Formal rejection

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the phrase “ultrahigh orienting alumina hydrate” is allegedly not recognized in the art and is allegedly not defined in the specification.

Response to formal rejection

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, independent Claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase "ultrahigh orienting," thereby obviating the rejection.

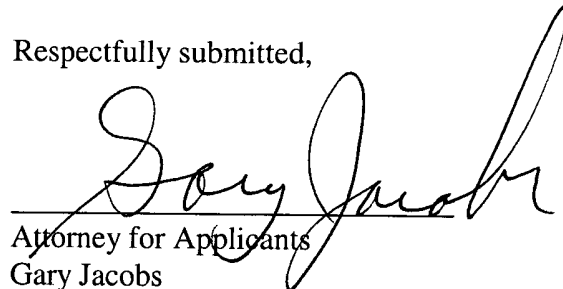
For this reason, amended independent Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the claims are now in allowable form.

Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A recording medium comprising a substrate and an ink-receiving layer provided on the substrate, wherein the ink-receiving layer comprises an [ultrahigh orienting] alumina hydrate having a boehmite structure, an average particle thickness of 2.0 to 6.0 nm and a crystallite size of 5.0 to 8.0 nm in a direction of a (020) plane, and the recording medium has a degree of parallelization of 30 to 1,000.